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1. Inter-American Statistical Institute

Special, 1952

Introduction

The Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI) is a professional organization that promotes statistical development in the American region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IASI seeks to develop and strengthen the statistical profession, including promoting advances in statistical theory and methods both at governmental and non-governmental levels and in cooperation with national and international organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

IASI is spearheaded by an Executive Director and a Deputy Executive Director. It approved new statutes in 2013 and revised bylaws in 2014.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IASI regularly contributes to reports of the sessions of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC). IASI also regularly disseminates information on statistical activities of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies through quarterly newsletters and scientific journals. It also conducts regular seminars and meetings on applied statistics and activities in cooperation with the United Nations Statistics Divisions, the International Statistical Institute and the World Bank, amongst others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It was represented in the annual sessions of the UNSC and attended the Statistical Conference of the Americas (SCA) hosted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In addition to regular interactions with the UNSC, IASI also collaborates with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division (SEPD) of ECLAC to discuss and advance on policies in statistics.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IASI regularly disseminates information among its members and supports activities related to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) led by the national institutes of statistics of the various countries in the American region.

2. International AIDS Society (IAS)

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1988 and with a global membership representing over 180 countries, the International AIDS Society (IAS) is one of the largest associations seeking to consolidate a global response to HIV/AIDS.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IAS aims to end the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and lead collective action on the response through its membership base and convening power. It uses its scientific authority to transform science into policy and subsequently into tangible impact against the epidemic, while advocating for sustained global leadership, increased investment and the elimination of stigma and discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

IAS nominated a new President in July 2014. IAS has also adopted a new five-year strategic plan which outlines concrete initiatives and progress related to the HIV/AIDS response.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IAS actively collaborates with Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and World Health Organization (WHO) on matters related to HIV science and programme implementation. WHO utilizes the global platforms of the IAS to launch global reports and updates including the guidelines on the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and preventing HIV infection in 2013; and the consolidated guidelines on HIV testing services in 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2013 and 2015, IAS participated in meetings of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board and the WHO World Health Assembly. It also attended the Joint WHO/UNAIDS annual consultation with pharmaceutical companies and stakeholders on forecasting the global demand of antiretroviral drugs for the period 2013 to 2016 which took place in Geneva, Switzerland on 25 and 26 November 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IAS partners with UNAIDS on a continuous basis and regularly collaborates with WHO as part of IAS' Industry Liaison Forum Advisory Group. WHO has also sponsored the organization of IAS conferences between 2013 and 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IAS supports the development agenda by working towards ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all. IAS promotes the implementation of evidence-based responses to HIV/AIDS and regularly organizes conferences on AIDS and HIV science. Noteworthy programmes include the "Towards and HIV Cure Project" and the "Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research."

3. International Association against Painful Experiments on Animals

Special, 1972

Introduction

Established in 1969, International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals (IAAPEA) coordinates activities of groups opposed to the use of animals for experimental purposes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IAAPEA seeks to encourage the development of procedures and techniques which renounces the use of animals and provides safer, cheaper and more reliable alternatives.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In order to raise awareness of the United Nations World Wildlife Day, representatives presented in schools and organized wildlife photo exhibitions to herald the importance of wildlife. It also funds medical research for cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses and disseminates information through its multilingual internet website available in 26 languages.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives have submitted scientific reports to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) regarding alternative research techniques to test drugs, such as tissue culture, cell culture, stem cell and computer models.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IAAPEA supported the MDGs through the following initiatives: raising awareness through presentations and debates to academic institutions; launching campaigns to end poverty and hunger; and conducting political lobbying and exhibitions globally. It has also actively advocated for the inclusion of animal protection issues in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

4. International Association for Democracy in Africa

Special, 1996

Introduction

International Association for Democracy in Africa (IADA) aims to bring peace and solidarity in Africa by promoting bottom-up approaches built on shared values.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IADA designs and develops innovative economy-strengthening programs for households and communities, paying special attention to children and youth who have been orphaned or made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS. More specifically, it aims to achieve the following: provide education to children targeting physical, intellectual, academic, mental and spiritual development; provide social-economic assistance including food, clothing, medical equipment, transportation, access to facilities including libraries and laboratories; and organize social, cultural, educational and welfare programmes and activities for children.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IADA regularly engages in consultations with the academia on malnutrition and its effects. It also convened a seminar on implementing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Mozambique in July 2015. Moreover, it facilitated the distribution of Antiretroviral Drugs (ARV) drugs in West African countries and increased awareness about illegal poaching and deforestation through seminars.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It keenly follows the developments of the Human Rights Council (HRC), in Geneva, Switzerland and attended regular HRC sessions 19 through 30 convened between 2012 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IADA liaises with the Secretariat of the United Nations and its subsidiary agencies and also made special efforts to advocate with member states on the implementation of various human rights resolutions. IADA also works with

policymakers to shape responsive integrative policies on social issues, including human rights experts, special rapporteurs and NGO's addressing a variety of issues concerning violations of individuals of African descent.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IADA has undertaken a number of concrete initiatives to support the MDGs, to include: distribution of vaccines for yellow fever in rural areas of Angola; convening health camps for pregnant women in Niger; supporting communities to construct reservoirs and ponds to facilitate access to safe drinking water in Gabon; launching a program to curb water borne diseases such as diarrhoea and cholera in Nigeria; and initiating community bank schemes in Sao Tome and Principe.

5. International Association for Media and Communication Research

Special, 2008

Introduction

The International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) is a global organisation of media and communication researchers representing over 100 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IAMCR conducts media and communication research while promoting global inclusiveness. It particularly encourages the participation of women, emerging scholars and individuals from economically disadvantaged regions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IAMCR supports the goals of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) by promoting international research in media and communications.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IAMCR representatives regularly participated in meetings of the Global Alliance for Media and Gender (GAMC) as well as the Global Alliance for Partnerships on Media and Information Literacy (GAPMIL) organized by UNESCO. It also attended the review meeting on the First World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS-10) held in Paris, France from 25 to 27 February 2013. Representatives partook in the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS held in New York on 15 and 16 December 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IAMCR prepared numerous articles for the GAMC and received UNESCO support for organizing conferences in Hyderabad, India and Leicester, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. IAMCR also supported and promoted various UNESCO campaigns, such as "Women Make the News" which is a global initiative aimed ensuring gender equality in the media.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IAMCR's activities supported the MDGs related to education, including media and information literacy, as well as gender equality and freedom of expression.

6. International Automobile Federation

Special, 1972

Introduction

International Automobile Federation (IAF) is a worldwide federation comprising of 235 motoring and touring organisations from over 140 countries. It was founded in 1904 with headquarters in Paris, France and Geneva, Switzerland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IAF seeks to: promote safe, affordable and sustainable mobility; defend the rights of consumers; support harmonisation of rules with respect to automobile manufacture and use; protect road users from excessive taxation and restrictive regulation; and facilitate movement of people and vehicles across international borders.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IAF works in close cooperation with the International Touring Alliance to administer internationally recognized documents which facilitate cross-border travel. It actively supported initiatives and campaigns to improve global road safety, including commemorating the United Nations Road Safety Week held biennially since 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFA actively participated in sessions of the Inland Transport Committee and working groups, notably within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). It also participated in the Working Parties on: the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP29); and the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP30). It also contributed to the proposals for the Worldwide Harmonized Light Vehicles Test Procedure finalized in 2014. IFA is

extensively involved in the work of the United Nations Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles of 1954, the Convention on Commercial Road Vehicles of 1956 and the Convention of Road Traffic of 1968.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IAF collaborates with the World Health Organization (WHO) to achieve the goals of the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety, and is a member of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration chaired by the WHO. IAF is also an affiliate of the World Tourism Organization (WTO) and closely follows the initiatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). In 2015, its president was designated as the United Nations Special Envoy for Road Safety.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IAF continued to support the United Nations "Decade of Action for Road Safety" which targets a significant reduction in the expected number of road-related deaths and injuries during the period 2011 to 2020. It is also involved in the United Nations "The World We Want" initiative and supported numerous campaigns encouraging citizens to complete the "MyWorld 2015" global survey to include road safety in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

7. International Buddhist Relief Organisation

Special, 2000

Introduction

The International Buddhist Relief Organization (IBRO) is a registered charity based in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IBRO aims to deliver financial and direct support to people, regardless of their status, creed or geographical location, especially the most vulnerable.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization contributed to supporting schools and funding scholarships for over 1,000 students ranging from primary to university level in Sri Lanka. IBRO also provided humanitarian assistance to include counselling and housing for displaced individuals. It has expanded operations in Tanzania, Malaysia, Italy and Germany and established health centres in France and Switzerland. It continually makes efforts at the local, regional and international action on achieving universal education and annually organizes an assembly to commemorate the World AIDS day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

This NGO undertook initiatives to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by feeding over 6,400 children and providing clothing to institutions and individuals in Africa, Asia and Europe. It continues to fund the Tithandizane health facilities in Zambia and dispatched wheelchairs to benefit senior citizens along with increasing access to potable water in communities.

8. International Catholic Migration Commission

Special, 1952

Introduction

Founded in 1951, the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) serves and protects refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and migrants. Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, it has liaison offices in Belgium and in the United States of America with staff deployed in over 40 countries worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICMC advocates for rights-based policies, durable solutions and capacity-building for migration with respect to refugee resettlement, humanitarian assistance, protection for vulnerable individuals, human trafficking, development and global governance.

Significant changes in the organization

In January 2015, the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration assumed presidency of ICMC.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICMC's added value to the work of the United Nations lies in its extensive expertise, resources, capacity and collaboration with a global network of partners worldwide. To this end, ICMC consistently engages with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Human Rights Council (HRC), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Office of the President of the General Assembly, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Bank.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, ICMC regularly attended the Executive Committee, Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement and the High Commissioner's dialogue on protection challenges organized by UNHCR. It also attended the Second Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development which took place on 12 and 13 November 2015 in Quito, Ecuador. It contributed to the 13th coordination meeting on international migration organized by the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of which also attended by the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ICMC collaborates with UNHCR on advancing on migrant resettlement. In this connection, it : supported the resettlement of 27,500 refugees to the United States; referred 261,000 persons for resettlement consideration; conducted 22,000 assessments of children; facilitated counselling to 60,000 new arrivals in Greece; provided shelter and health support to over 25,000 displaced persons affected by displacement in Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Syria; and counselled over 12,000 trafficked persons and victims of gender-based violence in Indonesia and Malaysia. In 2014, it collaborated with Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration to jointly establish an International Working Group on Stranded Migrants which laid the groundwork for the Migrants in Countries in Crisis initiative of 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICMC has coordinated activities of the civil society in the Global Forum on Migration and Development. Between 2013 and 2015, ICMC also led the global civil society "Stockholm Agenda" advocating for the inclusion of migration in the Sustainable Development Goals.

9. International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children

Special, 2008

Established in 1998, the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) is an international NGO working to advance child protection. With headquarters in the United States of America, ICMEC also has offices in Brazil and Singapore.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICMEC seeks to identify gaps in the global community's ability to adequately protect children from abduction, sexual abuse and exploitation, and ensure the corresponding arrangements in terms of personnel, resources and tools to meet the aforementioned challenges.

Significant changes in the organization

Since November 2014, ICMEC has a new President and Chief Executive Officer. Since January 2015, it has a new Chief Financial, Legal and Administrative Officer.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICMEC has actively participated in discussions on international humanitarian law and human rights as well as protecting children from all forms of abuse. It provided substantive inputs on child protection models to the Committee on United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in January 2013 and to the World Health Organization (WHO) on adoption of cases for sexual exploitation in December 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2013, ICMEC submitted a statement to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) substantive session addressing the growing problem of violence committed against children. It also regularly interacted with the Special Representative to the Secretary-General on Violence against Children. Other meetings attended include:

- Workshop on establishing an international framework on Child Online Protection hosted by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) convened in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, 25 to 27 April 2012;
- Roundtable on Business and Child Rights hosted by the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR), Aviva and the Consortium for Street Children held in Singapore on 10 and 11 December 2013;
- Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the elimination of violence against children hosted by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) convened in Bangkok, Thailand from 18 to 21 February 2014; and the
- 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization (DPI/NGO) Conference.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In September 2012 and March 2013, ICMEC in conjunction with UNODC's regional office and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) coordinated a seminar on online exploitation of children with participants from Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Thailand and Vietnam. In 2014, it contributed to the Guidelines for Industry on Child Online Protection, in collaboration with the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Since November 2015, it has joined UNICEF's Regional Interagency Working Group on child protection and received funding for a series of events in Latin America including a workshop on technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and abuse in Brazil.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

10. International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care

Special, 2000

Introduction

The International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care (ICPPC) is a worldwide association of delegates dedicated to ensuring pastoral care in prisons.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of ICCPPC are to: encourage greater awareness of pastoral care in prisons; sensitization on values of the Episcopal conferences and the local ordinaries to ensure pastoral care in prisons; organize courses and meetings for prison pastoral agents; and to promote the reform of the prison system.

Significant changes in the organization

It has been granted higher status with the Roman Catholic Church (RCC) and is a partner to the Church's forum on NGOs.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICPPC promotes the work of the United Nations in relation to prison and justice matters and the "Mandela Rules", which is the revision of the 1955 United Nations Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners (SMR) adopted by the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (UNCCPJ) in Vienna, Austria on 22 May 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICPPC regularly participates in meetings of the UNCCPJ including its intergovernmental expert group on standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ICPPC played a significant role in the preparation of a United Nations Handbook for prison staff on radicalisation and violent extremism in prisons. It also conveys issues pertaining to the pastoral ministry in prisons to the UNCCPJ.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

11. International Council of Environmental Law

General, 2000

Introduction

International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL) is a non-profit organisation that promotes legal, administrative and policy aspects of environmental conservation and sustainable development. It was founded in 1969 and comprises over 220 members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICEL focuses on collecting, disseminating and applying information related to international, regional and national environmental laws and policies. Its objectives are to: increase cooperation amongst practitioners in the field; and to support new initiatives stimulating action on the development, negotiation, review and implementation of the globally agreed goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Agenda 21 and existing multilateral environmental agreements.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In support of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), ICEL provides resources for maintaining free online access to "LCOLEX — the gateway to environmental law" which is a comprehensive source of information on environmental law. Moreover, ICEL has published 24 issuances on environmental policy and law, disseminated over 190 articles on the work of the United Nations, and formulated over 250 documents addressing environmental protection.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICEL actively attended the First United Nations Environment Assembly held in Nairobi, Kenya on 23 June 2014 organized by UNEP. It also attended and submitted contributions to the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) convened in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil which served as basis for the "World We Want" 2015 web platform. Additionally, ICEL submitted input to the Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment of the Human Rights Council on best practices relating to the use of human rights obligations and commitments to strengthen environmental policy and prevention.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

During the reporting period, ICEL was represented at various meetings organized in the United Nations Headquarters as well as the regional commissions. In cooperation with International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), ICEL

released the fifth Edition of the "Draft International Covenant on Environment and Development — Implementing Sustainability" in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and delivered copies to member states and senior management in the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

12. International Council on Clean Transportation

Special, 2012

Introduction

International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT) is a non-profit research organization with expertise in transportation, shipping, aviation, climate science and health. Active since 2005, it has offices in China, Germany and the United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICCT tailors its approach and systemic outputs to actuate transportation regulators, policy makers and key stakeholders responsible for influencing, developing and implementing transport policies. ICCT's work falls into four categories: Direct engagement with government agencies to provide technical assistance in the drafting of regulatory documents and data collection; Organizing public workshops for regulators on subjects including emissions, climate science, public health assessments, potential of technology and cost-benefit analyses; Working with consultants to lay the technical groundwork for future regulations; and Producing reports highlighting international best practices.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICCT engages in a number of transportation-related climate and clean air initiatives relevant to the work of the United Nations, particularly to promote sustainable development and to address climate change. It focuses on strengthening the capacity of agencies in the public sector to promulgate effective transport sector regulations that minimize climate change and improve public health.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICCT participated in the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) organized in 2014 and 2015 (COP 20 and 21) where it engaged in efforts to garner pledges made by major governments and companies and shape action plans to include climate mitigation.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ICCT collaborates with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Marine Environmental Protection Committee addressing pollutant emission standards and low sulphur fuel requirements, as well as setting fuel economy standards. ICCT is also closely involved with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and submitted technical assessments that contributed to the 2016 ICAO CO₂ standard for new aircrafts. ICCT is closely involved in the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to reduce climate pollutants for which the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) serves as the secretariat. In collaboration with UNEP, ICCT also co-leads the heavy-duty diesel initiative of the CCAC.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICCT's programmes are aligned to goal 7 of the MDGs as they seek to: promote best practices and comprehensive solutions to improve vehicle emissions and efficiency; increase fuel quality and sustainability of alternative fuels; reduce pollution from the in-use fleet; and curtail emissions from international goods movement. ICCT works directly with regulators and stakeholders to develop country-wide regulatory policies to mitigate climate change. Relevant work also includes supporting a comparative assessment for fuel consumption targets for vehicles in Brazil and collaboration on a series of documents including a cost-benefit analysis in Mexico.

13. International Council on Social Welfare

General, 1972

Introduction

International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) is an NGO focused on advocacy, knowledge-building and technical assistance in support of social development. It was founded in 1928 in France and currently represents national and local organizations from over 70 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICSW promotes the recognition and realization of human rights, including fundamental rights of employment, income, food, shelter, education, health care and security. It strives to empower its members to fully participate in society as responsible citizens, with a greater civic voice and capacity to achieve meaningful results. Reduction of hardship and vulnerability especially amongst the disadvantaged remains a priority concern for this organization.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2015, ICSW elected a new President.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICSW's global representation continues to serve as the leverage underpinning its active participation in the work of the United Nations, especially as it relates to making policy statements and proposing constructive suggestions to social development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, ICSW regularly submitted policy statements to the Commission for Social Development (CSD) and the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). It attended the 50th, 51st, 52nd and 53rd sessions of the CSD and submitted statements on poverty eradication, empowering people, social integration, employment and decent work conditions. It also participated in the 59th session of the CSW in March 2015 and provided a statement outlining the nexus of gender and ageing highlighting the plight of elderly women and the need to address their marginalization in society. ICSW also actively participated in the third and fourth sessions of the Open-ended working group on ageing in 2013 and 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ICSW has continued to promote and extend its support to the Social Protection Floor Initiative (SPFI) put forward by the United Nations. It has been a founding member of the Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors, bringing together over 80 NGOs engaged with issues of social protection and promotion of SPFI. ICSW participated in all board meetings of the Social Protection Inter-Agency Cooperation Board established in June 2012 which is jointly chaired by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Bank, and cooperates in the area of social protection harnessing greater impact at the country level.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, this organization undertook noteworthy initiatives to promote gender equality and support the empowerment of women.

14. International Federation for Human Rights Leagues

Special, 1952

Introduction

The International Federation for Human Rights Leagues (IFHRL) was established in 1922 and is currently represented by 178 human rights organisations worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948, its objective has been to advance on the concrete implementation of the Declaration.

Significant changes in the organization

IFHRL's membership expanded from 164 member organizations at the end of 2011 to 178 at the end of 2015. It has also established a permanent delegation in New York to increase its collaboration with the United Nations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFHRL prioritized the following themes which guided its work within the United Nations system including: combating impunity; implementing economic and social rights; guaranteeing women's rights as fundamental human rights; and protecting human rights defenders. During the reporting period, it has organized multiple training sessions benefiting over 87 human rights defenders and has submitted over 100 memoranda addressing a wide range of United Nations mechanisms, special procedures and items under the purview of the Human Rights Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFHRL has drafted significant amounts of written submissions and advocacy documents to include over 175 reports and advocacy documents targeting the United Nations. It also submitted over 33 oral statements to the Human Rights Council's regular and special sessions and organized 10 side events. IFHRL also regularly attended the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights and submitted position papers to the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations and the High-Level review of Security Council Resolution 1325 of 2005.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IFHRL organized training seminars for human rights defenders with a view to promote dialogue and cooperation with member states on items under the purview of the Security Council. IFHRL also worked closely with member states to help draft and mobilize support for resolutions, particularly in the margins of the Third Committee. It provides information on a regular basis to the special rapporteurs of the Commission on Human Rights by engaging with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IFHRL has been instrumental in raising awareness on the inclusion of human rights in the Sustainable Development Goals. In support of the MDGs, it conducted various trainings, organized campaigns and provided written submissions in relation to the following topics:

- Impact of austerity measures in Greece, land rights defenders, as well as economic social and cultural rights in Guatemala, Russia and South Africa;
- Sexual violence in Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Guinea, Libya, Mali, Nigeria, Tunisia and in Syria; and women's rights in Afghanistan, the Arab region, Senegal, Uganda and Vietnam;

Integration of human rights in development policies, trade agreements and investment treaties in the workplace; and measuring the impact of corporate actors on human rights.

15. International Federation of Beekeepers Associations

Special, 1972

Introduction

International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations (IFBA) promotes the scientific, technical, ecological, social and economic development of apiculture. With over 112 members representing 80 countries across five continents, IFBA promotes the cooperation of associations, scientific bodies and individuals involved in apicultural worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFBA promotes awareness-raising on the significant contribution of bees and other pollinators for protecting biodiversity and enhancing the use of products created by bees.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFBA carried out working groups on honey adulteration, bee genetics and apitourism and organised international symposia in different regions. This includes convening two international congresses in Ukraine in 2013 and in the Republic of Korea in 2015, and over ten international beekeeping symposia in Canada, China, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Republic of San Marino, Serbia, Tanzania and Turkey.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IFBA has coordinated extensively with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) as part of its functions. In 2012 and 2014, it organised the ApiEcoFlora International Symposium with the active participation of FAO staff responsible for agricultural production and protection with reference to pollination services and beekeeping-related technologies for rural communities. IFBA seeks to further cultivate its partnership with FAO to establish a framework agreement in beekeeping.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.



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1. Assemblea delle Donne per lo Sviluppo e la Lotta Contro L'Esclusione

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Assembly of Women for Development and the Struggle against Social Exclusion (ASDO) is a research organization based in Rome, Italy, focused on strengthening the role of women in society — and in particular in the area of scientific research and technological innovation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ASDO aims to enhance the participation of women in economic, political and social life, and also in leadership positions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ASDO contributed to several conferences, meetings and lectures focused on strengthening the role of women in society — and in particular in the area of scientific research and technological innovation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ASDO attended the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; the Sixth Session of the World Urban Forum, organized by UN-Habitat and co-organized the side event “City between memory and innovation”; participated in the Spring 2012 Meetings of the World Bank Group; and delivered an oral statement to the 2013 High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Through its ongoing projects, Transforming Institutions by Gendering Contents and Gaining Equality in Research (TRIGGER) 2014-2017 and Structural Transformation to Achieve Gender Equality in Science (STAGES) 2012-2016, ASDO is committed to promoting women in science and technology. ASDO also developed a networking activity with Italian women's organizations for promoting their participation in the World Urban Forum.

2. International HIV/AIDS Alliance

Special, 2000

Introduction

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance is an organization that supports community action on HIV, health and rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, ending AIDS, promoting equitable access to health services for people living with and affected by HIV and the realization of their rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes to the development agenda of the United Nations, in particular the MDGs, the SDGs, and the financing for development processes; to the health agenda of the United Nations, including ending AIDS, achieving universal health coverage, and promoting sexual and reproductive health; and to the human rights and equity agenda of the United Nations, in particular the leaving no one behind agenda of the SDGs, fighting HIV-related stigma and discrimination, addressing the rights of sexual minorities and promoting the right to health.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Alliance participated in meetings and summits related to the Sustainable Development Goals; the High-level meetings on AIDS; the annual General Assembly meetings; the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Population and Development; and meetings on Financing for Development.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Alliance engaged with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), in particular the Community Mobilization Department and the Programming and Coordination Board; the World Health Organization (WHO), in particular the World Health Assembly, focussing on the development of WHO guidelines and the universal health coverage agenda; and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), focussing on the women, youth and adolescent's agenda in relation to HIV and sexual and reproductive health.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2013, the Alliance supported 2,132 community based organizations. With Alliance support, mechanisms for reporting and responding to rights abuses were

improved, and progress was made on a multipronged rights-based approach to advocacy, including verifiable progress towards policy goals related to HIV, health and rights.

3. International Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Society

Special. 2012

Introduction

International Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Society is a professional non-governmental, defender and custodian of the public interest.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to create an enabling environment for the recognition, promotion and enforcement of human rights and anti-corruption.

Significant changes in the organization

The geographical distribution of the membership has changed and funding has increased.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Society's areas of work and goals include, protecting and defending human rights, promoting democracy and good governance, justice and peace, global health, tackling corruption, illicit trade and climate change, security, environment and decent labour. The organization monitored and reported on global elections and commemorated various international days including, Human Rights Day, International Anti-Corruption Day and World AIDS Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended various international conferences and meetings including the 2012 Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime; submitted a written statement on "Elimination and Prevention of all forms of Violence Against Women and Girls" to the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women and participated at the 2013 Economic and Social Council High-level Segment and Annual Ministerial Review.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization carried out independent monitoring of all projects in Africa, and the funding, to ensure that the mission and goals are met.

4. International Humanist and Ethical Union

Special, 2000

Introduction

The International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU) is the world federation of organisations making up the global humanist movement.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Union aims for a secular world in which human rights are respected and everyone is able to live a life of dignity.

Significant changes in the organization

The Union hired a chief executive and a staff member dedicated to advocacy at the United Nations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's work was concentrated at the Human Rights Council, where it sought to defend and promote human rights and to train members to engage with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, IHEU representatives attended every session of the Human Rights Council where they made oral statements, submitted written statements, organised side events and engaged in a number of UPR processes. IHEU also attended meetings organised by the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief on LGBTI rights and made submissions to and attended meetings of Human Rights Committee, Committee against Torture and the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IHEU worked closely with the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, who attended the 2015 launch of the Union's Freedom of Thought report at the European Parliament and its World Humanist Congress in 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

5. International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development

Special, 1996

Introduction

The International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development (INHURED International) is an independent public interest organization established in 1987 to work for the protection and promotion of human rights, the rule of law and democracy, sustainable environment, democratic development and world peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

INHURED strives for effective realization, at the regional and domestic level, of international human rights doctrines and instruments adopted by the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization shifted the focus of its work from advocacy to humanitarian support in response to the needs of those affected by the 2015 earthquake in the Nepal.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization conducted fact-finding missions and research; prepared reports, studies and interventions on breaches of international human rights and humanitarian law; and advocated before local, regional and international bodies. INHURED cooperated with Nepali civil society organizations and government institutions to ensure that international human rights standards are reflected in national laws and policies through different programmatic interventions. INHURED wrote and presented Nepal's initial NGO alternate reports on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The organization also submitted an alternative report on the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Body Monitoring System and intervened during the 2013 consideration of strengthening the system.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

INHURED convened side events during the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; participated in the Asia Pacific Ministerial Consultation for Beijing+20; and sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies and the Universal Periodic Review, making oral and written interventions on issues related to refugees, torture and violation of non-derogable rights.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

INHURED worked in close cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) towards a durable solution for the Bhutanese, Tibetan and urban refugees who are living in Nepal. The organization

also produced a number of information, education and communication materials on children, women, refugees and general human rights protection and promotion with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

INHURED conducted training at the national and regional levels on international humanitarian law, the United Nations human rights system, the United Nations reform agenda and the MDGs. The organization rebuilt a school that had been destroyed in the 2015 earthquake in Nepal. INHURED began implementing a project on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion and translated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into local languages.

6. International Lactation Consultant Association

Special, 1996

Introduction

The International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA) is the professional membership association for International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs).

Aims and purposes of the organization

ILCA's mission is to advance the profession of lactation consulting worldwide through leadership, advocacy, professional development, and research.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2014, ILCA changed its vision to: world health transformed through breastfeeding and skilled lactation care, thereby establishing a new mandate toward greater global advocacy, presence and collaboration. In early 2015, ILCA developed formal partnerships with 17 like-minded, national-regional breastfeeding organizations. In addition, ILCA developed working relationships with over 15 emerging organizations that lacked the infrastructure and resources to create the desired breastfeeding outcomes in their regional area. To better execute ILCA's new strategic focus, the ILCA Board of directors established a new Strategic Advisory Committee, "Advocacy" and six new Regional Committees.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ILCA facilitated networking among lactation consultants and other professionals interested in promoting, protecting and supporting breastfeeding; established guidelines for competent, ethical, evidence-based lactation consultant practices; fostered the development of professional standards and ethical practice for lactation consultants; informed all health care professionals of the importance of human milk and breastfeeding and the consequences of artificial feeding; served as a professional, authoritative advisory body for women's and children's health; cooperated with organizations with similar aims and objectives; stimulated and

supported research in all aspects of lactation and infant feeding; supported the implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and its subsequent relevant resolutions. ILCA was an active member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, the Working Group on Girls (WGi), the United States Committee for Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (USCRC), and the NGO Committee on the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (NGOCU). ILCA also contributed a summary of Infant Feeding in Emergencies to the NGOCU newsletter.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Among other meetings, ILCA participated in the 25th anniversary high-level commemorative meeting for the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC); the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; and the United Nations General Assembly meeting on "Advancing Regional Recommendations on Post-2015 Development Agenda: A Dialogue between Civil Society, Governments and UN Representatives".

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ILCA was instrumental in the formation of the Breastfeeding Advocacy Initiative (BAI), which was coordinated by UNICEF and the World Health Organization, and has participated in numerous advocacy efforts in conjunction with this initiative. ILCA produced a joint statement and conducted a panel discussion at the 2014 Commission on the Status of Women on "Empowering Women Through Breastfeeding", partnering with UNICEF, the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine, the Carolina Global Breastfeeding Initiative, and the World Action for Breastfeeding Advocacy (WABA).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ILCA was instrumental in the formation and launch of the Breastfeeding Advocacy Initiative.

7. International Longevity Center

Special, 2012

Introduction

The International Longevity Center Global Alliance, Ltd. (ILC-Global Alliance) is a multi-national NGO focussed on population ageing.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to help society prepare for longevity and population ageing in positive and productive ways through research, training and advocacy.

Significant changes in the organization

ILCA-Global Alliance amended its By-laws on 27 October 2014. Since 2012, the Alliance has expanded to 17 member organizations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As a member of the Stakeholder Group on Ageing and other NGO consortiums, Alliance representatives contributed as speakers, technical advisors, statement reviewers, attendees, and side event organizers.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, Alliance representatives participated in the sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA), including organising a side event on "Policy Framework in Response to the Longevity Revolution" at the 6th session of OEWGA; the Commission for Social Development; the Commission on the Status of Women; the Human Rights Council; and the global commemorations of the International Day of Older Persons and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2015, ILCA-Global Alliance contributed to the World Health Organization's Ministerial Conference on Dementia, the Global Strategy on Ageing, and the Global Forum on Innovation for Ageing Populations; and with the International Institute on Ageing, conducted a gerontology certificate training programme in Pune, India.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Alliance organized a conference entitled, "Human Rights and Gender Dimensions," 7-8 March 2012 in Pune, India.

8. International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism

Special, 2008

Introduction

The International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR) is a human rights organization devoted to eliminating discrimination and racism, forging international solidarity among discriminated minorities and advancing the international human rights system.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination and promote the capacity of discriminated groups to raise their voices and represent themselves in activities to combat discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

Organizational integration of IMADR and its Japan Committee was decided at the General Assembly in 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the United Nations human rights bodies through oral and written statements, side events at the Human Rights Council and alternative reports to treaty bodies. The organization contributed to the adoption of Human Rights Council resolutions on “Promoting reconciliation and accountability in Sri Lanka” and “Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka”.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, IMADR representatives participated in the 80th-88th sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD); 19th-30th sessions and the 23rd Special Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC); 13th and 14th sessions of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR); 49th Pre-Sessional Working Group of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) and the 50th session of the Committee; 5th session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; 1st-4th sessions of the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights; 110th-112th sessions of the Human Rights Committee; 7th session of Forum on Minority Issues; 3rd Forum on Business and Human Rights; 3rd Working Group on a draft declaration on the right to peace; 63rd pre-sessional Working Group of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW); and 50th anniversary event of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IMADR provided live webcast of CERD’s public meetings; assisted participants in CERD funded by the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples; and published a French summary of the civil society guidebook on ICERD and CERD.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IMADR Asia Committee in Sri Lanka established a network to increase women’s participation in decision-making process; and funded the project for war-affected single women in the northeast of Sri Lanka for training on leadership and sexual and reproductive rights for 100 women and livelihood assistance to 25 women. IMADR supported the Society for Rural Education and Development (SRED) in Tamil Nadu in India for a study programme for Dalit students and youth, evening classes for Dalit children, and vocational training and income generation programme for Dalit women. The Movement supported the Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO) in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal for a women’s health programme in Palpa district and FEDO’s Reducing Violence against Women programme. IMADR supported Women’s Consortium of Nigeria (WOCON) for

training of police officers to address gender-based violence and IMADR Latin America provided legal aid to the Mapuche communities in Argentina to protect their land and preserve sustainable environment.

9. International Native Tradition Interchange

Special, 2004

Introduction

International Native Tradition Interchange (INTI) is an indigenous people's organization established in New York, in 1995.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to create awareness and promote respect for the rights of Indigenous People and strives to enhance legitimate indigenous participation at the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the implementation of ILO Convention 169, the Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Millennium Development Goals and Agenda 2030. INTI brought to the attention of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the situation of the Kamayura traditional Indigenous people of Xingu, Brazil and the extinction of the Kaweshkar Indigenous People of Tierra del Fuego, Chile.

During the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, the organization brought a Special Envoy from the "Heart of the World", Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta, Colombia to address the issue of water as the minimum for life. The organization has contributed to processes leading to the future participation of indigenous peoples within the United Nations since the General Assembly's Informal Interactive Hearing for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of International Native Tradition Interchange attended and delivered oral or submitted written statements at the following conferences: 11th-14th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women; United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20); and the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization worked at developing a relationship with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the extinction of the Kaweshkar indigenous people of Tierra del Fuego, Chile.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's affiliates in Guna Ayala, Panama and Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia are planting food and herbal medicine to help eradicate extreme poverty and hunger in those communities.

10. International Police Association

Special, 2004

Introduction

The International Police Association (IPA) is an independent organisation made up of active duty and retired members of the police service.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the IPA are to create and strengthen bonds of friendship between members of the police service promote international cooperation.

Significant changes in the organization

IPA adopted new International Statutes and added five new, and expelled two affiliate members.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IPA prepared a Policy Statement on "Gender Equality, Rule of Law and Criminal Justice Administration". The IPA also produced and sent a wide range of communications to the NGO Committee on Drugs and the Alliance of NGOs on crime prevention and criminal justice.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The IPA has participated in the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women; sessions of the Human Rights Committee; meetings of the Economic and Social Council; sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child; sessions of the Human Rights Council; sessions of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; sessions of the Committee against Torture; 2014 International Police Executive Symposium; Trinidad and Tobago Police Service First Law-Enforcement Conference; and the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The IPA interacts regularly with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and produces and sends a wide range of communications to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The IPA did not have initiatives towards MDGs, but worked towards highlighting certain areas of criminality regarding human trafficking and child abuse through partnerships. IPA cooperated closely with the Consortium for Street Children. IPA introduced a new project called "IPA Tomorrow" with the aim of modernising the Association and published reports in text books developed to enhance police effectiveness and professionalism.

11. International POPs Elimination Network

Special. 2012

Introduction

Established in 1998, International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN) is comprised of participating organizations in over 100 primarily developing and transition countries engaged in efforts to reduce and eliminate hazardous chemicals both nationally and internationally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IPEN's mission is a toxics-free future for all.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IPEN played a vital role in the implementation of the Stockholm, Rotterdam, Basel and Minamata Conventions, as well as the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). IPEN prepared "Quick Views" and similar documents to explain the importance of (and IPEN's opinion on) certain treaty text and/or potential additions to treaties; prepared educational booklets to raise awareness about United Nations treaties and related issues; executed strategic projects to generate attention about and advance implementation of the elimination of lead paint, the Minamata Convention, and chemicals in products (a SAICM emerging issue). IPEN participated in United Nations-sponsored expert groups, working groups and review committees; and generated data to support mercury, lead paint, and POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants) elimination goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPEN participated in over 80 United Nations meetings from 2012-2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IPEN worked with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on mercury monitoring projects, and also a project to enhance CSO participation in

SAICM. IPEN released joint reports and organized joint meetings with UNEP pertaining to lead and mercury in paint.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IPEN's work to reduce and eliminate the use of mercury in artisanal small scale gold mining and to eliminate lead from paint are two examples of initiatives taken to reduce child mortality and improve maternal health. IPEN's testing of products (toys, cosmetics, accessories and other items) for metals and its work with the Endocrine Society to publish an introductory guide to endocrine disrupting chemicals are two more examples. IPEN's work to add POPs to the Stockholm Convention, to prevent materials contaminated with POPs from being recycled, and to improve the limits for low POPs content in wastes are some examples of initiatives taken to ensure environmental sustainability.

12. International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

Special, 1996

Introduction

The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) is a health-based umbrella organisation that supports the rehabilitation of torture victims and the prevention of torture worldwide. Its members comprise more than 153 independent organisations in over 75 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IRCT's vision is a world without torture.

Significant changes in the organization

There were no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IRCT has implemented various programmes aimed at developing capacity within its global membership through south-south and north-south exchanges, peer supervisions and conferences. The IRCT contributed to the United Nations policy making process including by drafting a General Comment on article 14 of the United Nations Convention against Torture. IRCT also advocated for the adoption of a Human Rights Council resolution on torture victims' right to rehabilitation. The IRCT has implemented projects specifically aimed at increasing the global amount of funding available to organisations working to provide rehabilitation services to victims of torture and ill-treatment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IRCT representatives participated in the 19th-30th sessions of the Human Rights Council; 48th-56th sessions of the United Nations Committee against Torture and facilitated the participation of IRCT members from 15 different countries;

relevant open meetings of 16th-27th sessions of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture; and participated in sessions of the Board of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture; 13th-23rd sessions of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council; 48th session of the United Nations Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights; 112th session of the United Nations Committee on Civil and Political Rights; and co-hosted, with the Permanent Mission of Denmark, a Human Rights Council briefing for diplomats in relation to the resolution on rehabilitation for torture victims.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The IRCT collaborated with the main United Nations mechanisms dealing with torture and ill-treatment: the Special Rapporteur on Torture, the Committee against Torture and the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture in relation to rehabilitation of victims of torture and ill-treatment and forensic medical documentation of torture.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

13. International Youth Hostel Federation

Special, 2004

Introduction

The International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF) is active in over 80 countries offering 3,700 youth hostels and 565,000 beds. The IYHF operates under its global brand name: Hostelling International.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation was established to provide a system of reciprocity through which a young person holding membership of one Youth Hostel Association may use the hostels in other countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Over the years, IYHF's work has increased to promote youth tourism, non-formal education and sustainable tourism.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IYHF representatives attended United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) committee meetings with NGO partners in 2012 and 2015 and the 2013 United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Ulysses Awards Ceremony, where the Federation was awarded second runner up for Innovation in Tourism for the "Big Blog Exchange" project.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2013, IYHF signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with UNWTO to promote the UNWTO campaign against all forms of trafficking, promote the "Big Blog Exchange" competition organised by Hostelling International and put in place the "Young at Heart" initiative. In 2014, the IYHF German Youth Hostel Association worked in association with the German National Tourist Board and in cooperation with Deutsche Bahn, to organise for a blogger to visit all 38 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Germany within one month to promote awareness of the World Heritage-Sustainable and Natural Tourism Campaign. In 2015 the Federation was elected to be part of UNWTO Committee for Tourism and Sustainability on behalf of UNWTO Board of Affiliate Members.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Since 2012 IYHF has supported the United Nations International Day of Peace with a project called "Sleep for Peace" in which hostels from across the network celebrate the day with unique activities that promote a deeper understanding of people, places and culture. IYHF ran a project entitled "IoT - Respect", in line with International Youth Day, promoting youth civic engagement. IYHF concentrated much of its work on environmental awareness-raising campaigns targeting the young traveller and promoting sustainable practices in accommodation management and architecture using appropriate building materials and methods in youth hostel planning/construction, use of renewable energies and recycling techniques wherever possible, and environmentally friendly practices in day-to-day hostel management.

14. Internationale Organisation Für Volkskunst (IOV)

Special, 2012

Introduction

Internationale Organisation Für Volkskunst (IOV) is devoted to safeguarding folk culture, folk art and intangible cultural heritage.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IOV aims to create a level of understanding and tolerance among the various peoples of the world thus contributing to the promotion and maintenance of world peace.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IOV Mission supports the 2003 Convention on Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH Convention). To help increase cross-cultural understanding and peaceful coexistence of the world's diverse peoples, IOV has organized more than 150 folkloric festivals each year worldwide. IOV Youth meets every second year for a world congress, to hear presentations, lectures and participate in workshops and discussion groups on topics that tie the work of IOV to that of the United Nations. In Recognition of Universal Children's Day, IOV organizes a dance and music festival for children in Bergamo, Italy.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IOV is a partner organization of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Forty IOV members have been identified by UNESCO as experts in at least one area of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IOV publishes two periodicals: Folk Culture is an Arabic language publication which is printed four times each year with articles pertaining primarily to the cultures of North Africa and the Middle East. The IOV Journal of the Intangible Cultural Heritage is a scholarly quarterly publication, which contains research and writing on Folk Art and Culture. IOV sponsors programmes in support of MDG1 and MDG7 by organizing and promoting folk art markets and other events, where local artisans sell traditional handicrafts at fair trade prices, thereby generating income for some of the world's poorest people. For many poor women, the income derived from the sale of handicrafts constitutes the primary source of support for themselves and their families and may contribute to greater gender equality.

15. ISIS: — International Women's Information and Communication Service

Special, 1996

Introduction

Isis — International Women's Information and Communication Service is a 41-year-old feminist development organization that works for women's human rights and empowerment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Isis International works for the realization of women's human rights through feminist collaborations and alliance building in the struggle against patriarchal and fundamentalist forces.

Significant changes in the organization

¹There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Isis documents feminist visions, creates critical communications, and strengthens social movements. Isis works primarily with women's groups and networks to effectively use communication for advancing the women's agenda and Southern feminist analysis through interactive communication, advocacy, networking and capacity-building strategies. Isis produced and disseminated information and communications on climate change, women human rights defenders, gender based violence, Beijing+20 and International Women's Day; served on the Civil Society Steering Committee for Beijing+20, conducted the Women and Media workshop and helped formulate the CSO Statement on Women and Media. Isis dedicated an issue of its publication, Women in Action (WIA), "Women in Peacebuilding", to making women's voices heard in peace and development processes and published research on women and peacebuilding in the Republic of the Philippines, "Recognising Women's Participation in Sustainable and Lasting Peace".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Isis representatives participated in the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review, and provided multimedia, onsite coverage of the proceedings. The organization also participated in the Third Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the 56th-58th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2015, Isis produced the Gender Programming Handbook for community radio stations with the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In 2014, Isis was part of the CSO Steering Committee that organised the Asia Pacific Civil Society Forum on Beijing+20, that was supported by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). Isis also assisted UN Women with coordinating CSO Forum representatives for press conferences held for participants of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN-Women Media Training, Bangkok, Thailand, 15-21 November 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Isis initiatives were primarily focused on capacity-building to improve women's abilities to use media and communications for advocating on issues that affect them and their communities. The organization conducted a capacity-building project for women human rights defenders from East and South East Asia; a research and capacity-building project with regional partners, for a network of young women peace builders to develop social media strategies to advance Security Council resolution 1325 in Asia; capacity-building projects for women on citizen video journalism; and community building for a network of young women leaders in West Africa working on issues related to gender identity and sexual orientation.



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1. African Canadian Legal Clinic

Special, 2004

Introduction

African Canadian Legal Clinic (ACLC) is a public interest and social justice organization that conducts test case litigation in the areas of human rights, discrimination and equality rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACLC is committed to combating systemic racial discrimination through a test case litigation strategy and monitors legislative, regulatory, administrative and judicial developments aimed at eliminating racism.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Representatives effectively engaged with the United Nations human rights mechanisms such as the Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodic Review, Special Procedures and Treaty bodies. In February 2012, ACLC submitted a shadow report to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) which helped attain a more comprehensive depiction of the human rights situation in Canada, particularly within the African Canadian community. In June 2015, ACLC submitted a report on the Canadian Government's compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights titled "Civil and Political Wrongs: The Growing Gap of International Civil and Political Rights and African Canadian Life." ACLC also developed two youth based initiatives to provide justice related interventions and community-based support to African Canadians.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the Human Rights Committee at its 114th session held from 29 June to 24 July 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland which reviewed the report of Canada amongst other countries. Representatives also attended the following meetings:

- 80th Session of CERD convened in Geneva, Switzerland from 13 February to 9 March 2012;
- 14th session of the United Nations Working Group on People of African Descent (WGPAD) convened from 31 March to 4 April 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland; and
- Launch of the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024) United Nations Headquarters in New York on 10 December 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In March 2013, ACLC contributed to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on the situation in Canada. In this connection, it drafted a report which highlighted the inconsistencies of the federal and provincial governments to implement key recommendations made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

2. Drug Abuse Information Rehabilitation and Research Centre

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Drug Abuse Information, Rehabilitation and Research Centre (DAIRRC) is committed to combatting psychiatric disorders including substance abuse since 1983.

Aims and purposes of the organization

DAIRRC aims to organize research in the field of medical science with special emphasis on the control and prevention of drug abuse, rehabilitation of drug addicts and HIV/AIDS treatment and seeks to educate people to enhance their knowledge through workshops and seminars.

Significant changes in the organization

DAIRRC has recently begun employing digital media and social networking tools to spread awareness of the dangers of substance abuse and propagate healthy living.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

DAIRRC launched a nationwide campaign in March 2014 to gather facts about the synthetic drug, Mephedrone, and its effects. This organization has been instrumental in drawing national attention to the injurious effects of this drug, in particular amongst the youth. Following intensive advocacy conducted by DAIRRC with the Narcotics Control Bureau of India, it succeeded in advocating with the Indian government to render this drug a psychotropic substance.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of goal 6 of the MDGs and raising awareness of drug abuse, DAIRRC conducted awareness campaigns to commemorate the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in June 2013 and 2015. Moreover, it implemented 109 focus group discussions on drug and HIV/AIDS prevention awareness in India, along with 53 focus group discussions to address substance abuse prevention and control in Bangladesh, France, Italy, Spain, Thailand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It also detoxified 251 addicts and alcoholics of which 136 have been successfully rehabilitated.

3. International Council on Alcohol and Addictions

Special, 1972

Introduction

Based in Switzerland, the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions (ICAA) is an independent NGO dedicated to preventing and reducing the detrimental effects of addictive drugs and behaviours.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICAA's mission is to encourage information sharing among government, private agencies and civil society organizations. ICAA further seeks to sensitize, empower and educate individuals and organization in the interest of public health, personal and social well-being.

Significant changes in the organization

In September 2014, ICAA's membership unanimously approved changes to its Constitution and membership structure with its Management Committee replacing functions previously undertaken by the Board.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its committees, membership network and affiliations, ICAA has contributed positively to the development agenda of the United Nations. In October 2015, it delivered two webinars in cooperation with the Center for Information on Health and Alcohol and the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil. These sessions addressed the impact of cannabis usage on health and society as well as the delivery of evidence-based smoking cessation treatments. It has further engaged in discussions with other international non-profit agencies to include the International Confederation of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Research Associations (United States of America) and Portage (Canada) to develop strategies to address addiction and the development of school-based interventions for treatment programmes targeting high school students.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ICAA contributes to the pursuit of eradicating poverty, improving maternal health and addressing HIV/AIDs through its programmes and is committed to reducing unwanted pregnancy among drug and alcohol users as well as encouraging healthy lifestyles.

4. Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice delle Salesiane di Don Bosco

Special, 2008

Introduction

Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice delle Salesiane di Don Bosco (IIMA) has its headquarters in Italy with activities in 95 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IIMA enables local actors, including children and youth, to express their views and promotes best practices in compliance with international human rights obligations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IIMA provided United Nations' experts and member states with reliable information on human rights compliance on the ground. Between 2012 and 2013, IIMA organized 10 training courses on human rights' mechanisms benefitting 47 local human rights defenders and 42 youth volunteers from 23 countries, including Brazil, Costa Rica, Haiti, Nicaragua, India and Panama.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IIMA has participated in the 19th, 20th, 23rd, 25th, 27th and 28th sessions of Human Rights Council (HRC) held in Geneva, Switzerland. It also attended various meetings under the purview of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR), Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), Committee against Torture (CAT), Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Committee on Migrant Workers (CMW) and the Human Rights Committee (CCPR). Moreover, it made over 50 written and oral statements along with 23 submissions on the Universal Period Review (UPR) of the HRC concerning Japan and Nicaragua.

and convened four side events during the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) convened between 2012 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

HMA collaborated with several United Nations agencies including the following:

- World Food Programme (WFP) to provide nutritional support to 60 children in Madagascar;
- United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) to realize development and educational projects in Tanzania; and
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to assist over 2,000 victims in Benin.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

HMA contributed to MDGs in 95 countries as follows:

Goal 1: Assisted over 380,000 beneficiaries with access to microcredit projects, agricultural livelihood programs and food supplies;

Goal 2: Supported primary education of more than 780,000 students through school supplies and financial assistance;

Goal 3: Conducted activities to empower over 140,000 women;

Goal 4: Aided over 400,000 patients with healthcare services to reduce child mortality including rapid access to vaccinations;

Goal 5 and 6: Engaged in healthcare programs to support over 200,000 individuals including delivering childbirth preparation courses;

Goal 7: Constructed 624 water supply channels, 371 sanitation facilities in rural areas and contributed to reforestation by planting 16,050 trees and shrubs; and

Goal 8: Facilitated global partnerships for development by providing training to over 420,000 beneficiaries in human rights, peace and reconciliation.

5. Japanese Association for the Right to Freedom of Speech

Special, 2012

Introduction

Japanese Association for the Right to Freedom of Speech (JARFS) strives to achieve peace by advocating for a human rights approach in Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It seeks to establish peace by promoting universal fundamental human rights, especially the right to freedom of speech guaranteed by Article 19 of Japan's

Constitution, as well as Article 9 which renounces war as means of resolving conflict.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

It contributes to the work of the United Nations in particular the Human Rights Committee by monitoring the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and advocating with the Japanese government on promulgating Article 19 at the national level.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2012, it attended the United Nations World Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction convened in Tohoku, Japan as well as the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Sendai, Japan from 14 to 18 March 2015. It also actively followed the developments of the Human Rights Council and contributed to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) of Japan's second, third and sixth periodic report between 2012 and 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In November 2012, it collaborated with the former Human Rights Special Rapporteur during the latter's fact-finding visit to Japan.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP) was established in 1968 to encourage action on population-related concerns, women empowerment and community development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its aim is to contribute to a society where each individual realizes his or her full potential. More specifically, this organization seeks to empower women in developing countries to make their own choices regarding sexual reproductive

health and rights by ensuring accessibility to quality services and comprehensive information.

Significant changes in the organization

This organization has made minor changes to its Constitution.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As part of the G7 civil society network, JOICFP has played a leading role in galvanizing activities of the Japanese civil society organizations in the field of health to advance the efforts of the MDGs and mainstreaming health development issues in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It participated in major conferences including the 45th and 47th Commission on Population and Development (CPD) convened in 2012 and 2014. Additionally it attended the:

- Special Event towards achieving the MDGs hosted by the President of the General Assembly (GA) in New York on 25 September 2013; and
- Special Session of the GA on the follow-up to the “Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014” organized by the Department of the Economic and Social Council (DESA) convened in New York on 22 September 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

JOICFP periodically collaborates with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to organize workshops and seminars on sexual reproductive health and rights for the achievement of the MDGs and universal access to reproductive health care. JOICFP also supports local NGOs in developing countries to promote service delivery of sexual reproductive health and rights in consultation with United Nations country offices.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

JOICFP contributed to goals 4 and 5 of the MDGs by implementing community based projects, construction of health facilities and provision of technical financial support for sexual reproductive health and rights in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Tanzania, the Socialist Republic of the Viet Nam and Zambia amongst others. It also implemented the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) in Ghana, a project aimed at encouraging girls’ primary school education in Afghanistan and a communication for development initiative in East Timor.

7. Jeunesse horizon

Special, 2004

Introduction

Jeunesse horizon is a secular and non-profit non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting the rights of children and young people in Cameroon.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization has established itself as a social structure that encourages young people to be involved in the defence of their rights. Specifically, the organization aims to create favourable conditions for the development of young people and to promote the harmonious and sustainable development of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, it participated in the preparatory process of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) that was jointly organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The organization submitted written statements to two high-level segments of the Economic and Social Council, held from 2 to 27 July 2012 in New York and from 1 to 26 July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. It also submitted written statements to the fifty-first and fifty-second sessions of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York from 6 to 13 February 2013 and from 11 to 21 February 2014, respectively.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The association has celebrated Human Rights Day on 10 December each year in partnership with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC). In honour of International Widows' Day on 23 June each year, it has organized educational sessions to raise awareness of the situation of widows in Cameroon.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the Millennium Development Goals, Jeunesse horizon has provided school assistance to children, including with regard to registration. In collaboration with Association Enfants Jeunes et Avenir and as part of the events held for World AIDS Day in 2014, it organized a campaign on HIV/AIDS and voluntary testing.

8. KARP

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2002, KARP is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the interests and welfare of seniors aged 50 and above in the Republic of Korea.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The primary objective of KARP is to assist and advocate for seniors in adapting their life styles as they grow old and ensure information exchange on ageing, legislation, regulatory issues and matters that affect the quality of their lives.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

KARP created the Young Old United (YOU) Movement as a social movement in action for the coexistence of both the young and the aged in society. Moreover, KARP has been a noteworthy catalyst in promoting cooperatives in the country which been pivotal in stimulating the economy. Attributed in part to its efforts, the numbers of cooperatives has skyrocketed to over 9,350 at the end of 2015. KARP has actively advocated with its government to designate March 20 as the International day of Happiness following the adoption of Resolution 66/281 by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 12 July 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives regularly attend weekly briefings organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

KARP engaged in translating books on ageing in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) including the "Age Friendly City Guide". It also attended several meetings with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 2012 as well as with the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 2014 on matters under its purview.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

This organization regularly features on a national radio program hosted by the Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) addressing the dynamics of ageing which has gained the attention of millions of listeners. It also campaigned with government officials for the adoption of its YOU programs in schools nationwide.

9. Kejibaus

Special, 2012

Introduction

Headquartered in Nigeria, Kejibaus Youth Development Initiative (Kejibaus) is dedicated to promoting the interests of the youth and the environment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Kejibaus seeks to harness the potential of youth towards their positive contribution to society and to advocate for a better understanding in supporting environmental sustainability.

Significant changes in the organization

The name of this organization has been officially changed to Kejibaus Youth Development Initiative and it has elected two executive directors and a secretary. Since 2013, it has started implementing environment related projects in Swaziland.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Kejibaus has contributed to the work of United Nations by fully supporting the MDG agenda, advocating for the right to free education for every child and incentivizing youth to take up activities to secure livelihoods. In collaboration with local health authorities, it organized trainings to raise awareness in remote locations on diseases and precautionary measures.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Kejibaus participated in the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women organized from 4 to 15 March 2013 as well as the 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development convened from 11 to 21 February 2014, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. It also attended the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Geneva, Switzerland from 14 to 15 July 2014 and the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Sendai, Japan from 14 to 18 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In contributing to the MDGs, Kejibaus has supported education by providing school supplies in facilities located in remote areas. It also launched the Environmental Friendly Group – a platform enabling secondary school students to discuss practical aspects of environment and climate issues.

10. Kenya Alliance for the Advancement of Children

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Kenya Alliance for the Advancement of Children (KAAC) has monitored the implementation and non-observance of the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child since 1988 and is presently composed of 118 members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

KAAC's envisions a society upholding the rights of children and the youth while advocating for the realization of the rights and responsibilities of these segments of society.

Significant changes in the organization

KAAC finalized its five year strategic plan for the year 2011 to 2015 and also drafted a new plan covering the period 2016 to 2020.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

KAAC coordinated the participation of civil society organizations in Kenya during the 71st Pre-Sessional Working Group of the Convention on the Rights of the Child held between 8 and 12 June 2015 and contributed towards the preparation of the third, fourth and fifth State Party periodic reports to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. It also participated in a regional convention organized in Arusha, Tanzania which addressed capacity building, economic justice and investing in children, amongst other topics.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It participated in the 50th Session of the United Nations Committee Against Torture convened in Geneva, Switzerland 6 to 31 May 2013 as well as the Third Annual Child Labour Conference organized in Brasilia, Brazil organized from 8 to 10 October 2013. Representatives also participated in the 25th regular session of the United Nations Human Rights Council convened in Geneva, Switzerland from 3 to 28 March 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

KAAC collaborated with the United Nations Emergency Fund (UNICEF) office in Kenya to prepare the civil society organizations' supplementary report in relation to the State Party Periodic reports to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in 2013 and 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

KAAC facilitated the participation of children in international events including World Orphans Day, World Day against Child Labour and Day of the African Child. Among other activities, it supported the MDGs by providing

deprived children with school fees; capacity building training to teachers on governance issues affecting children; and facilitating mechanisms to ensure community-level actions to prevent domestic abuse of children.

11. Kerman Raad

Special, 2012

Introduction

Kerman Raad (KR) is a non-governmental charity organization established in 2004 in Iran.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization has the following aims: develop capabilities of children aged seven and above with physical disabilities to reinforce their self-confidence; provide health care and welfare services for trainees; and prevent disabilities through comprehensive healthcare services for prenatal and post-pregnancy diagnosis.

Significant changes in the organization

KR is expanding the capacity of its headquarters by constructing additional infrastructure to cater for their education and vocational training activities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization provides no-cost technical, vocational and professional training to community members in diverse skills including mosaics, flower making, traditional handicraft methods, embroidery and carpet weaving. Students receive a certificate and/or diploma accrediting their qualification in these fields. It also provides training to promote healthy quality of life for disabled children, pregnant women at risk and those suffering from infectious diseases and metabolic diseases.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

12. Kindernothilfe

Special, 2004

Introduction

Kindernothilfe, Help for Children in Need is a NGO founded in the Federal Republic of Germany in 1959. It partners with local organisations to promote children's rights in 31 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Kindernothilfe envisions a world in which children and youth can live a dignified life, cultivate their talents and venture into community development projects. Its endeavours have reached over 1.8 million children worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Subsequent to the ratification of the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention of the Rights of the Child (OPCRC) by an increasing number of states, Kindernothilfe sought to commission studies on the legal context and potential scenarios for its application in Germany.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In December 2012, this organization provided comments on the draft report of Germany for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and co-organized a panel discussion on children and armed conflict at the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Furthermore, it represented the Association of German Development Non-Governmental Organisations (VENRO) at the Global Conference on Child Labour organized by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Brazilian government convened in Brasília from 8 to 10 October 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In November 2014, it organized a regional conference on OPCRC in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to increase the number of ratifications in Africa, which featured experts of the United Nations as panel members. In January 2015, it provided comments to the synthesis report of the Secretary-General titled "The Road to Dignity by 2030: Ending Poverty, Transforming All Lives and Protecting the Planet."

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Kindernothilfe has been an important supporting plank of SDGs and organized a campaign which aims at making early childhood education a significant aspect of

the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Furthermore, in support of the MDGs, it conducted the following:

MDG 1: 44 projects (8 in Asia, 24 in Africa and 12 in Latin America) to enhance food security and water supply.

MDG 2: 608 projects (417 in Asia, 93 in Africa, 97 in Latin America and 1 in Europe) addressing primary education and vocational training;

MDG 3: 146 projects (81 in Asia, 37 in Africa and 28 in Latin America) promoting women empowerment, community development and micro-loan initiatives.

MDG 4 and 5: 137 projects (64 in Asia, 34 in Africa and 39 in Latin America) launching rehabilitation programmes for disabled and traumatized children and instruction in hygiene;

MDG 6: 38 projects (14 in Asia, 23 in Africa and 1 in Latin America) targeting HIV/AIDS prevention programmes and trauma care for AIDS orphans; and

MDG 7: 10 projects (2 in Asia, 6 in Africa and 2 in Latin America) promoting environment protection.

13. Kosmos Associates

Special, 2012

Introduction

Kosmos Associates, Inc (KA) promotes harmonious existence globally through initiatives in over 40 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its primary goals include educating, inspiring and engaging global citizens to take action for peace and the well-being of humanity and nature.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

KA's main contribution to the work of the United Nations is by conducting outreach through its journal, online newsletter and social media mechanisms, along with broadcasting videos and drafting reports to encourage reflection and inspire community action on peacebuilding, well-being, governance alternatives, sustainable development and global citizenship. Between 2013 and 2015, representatives presented remarks at 11 events including the Peace and Planet Conference in New York convened on 24 to 26 April 2015. KA also co-founded the Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures of Peace and continued to serve in an advisory capacity during the reporting period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

KA participated in the General Assembly High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace and the High-Level Forum on Peacebuilding and Global Citizenship organized on 6 September 2013 and 9 September 2014, respectively, and made presentations on thematic issues.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

KA submits around 300 complimentary "Kosmos Journals" to various offices of the United Nations. It also participated in advocacy that led to the adoption of "Follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Culture of Peace" (A/70/L.24) published at the 66th plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on 3 December 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

KA's work encompasses extensive outreach on the MDGs through its social media broadcasts and newsletters accessed by 1 million readers globally. It also conducting outreach on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to inspire community action and global awareness.

14. Kuwait Association for the Basic Evaluators for Human Rights

Special, 2012

Introduction

Kuwait Association for The Basic Evaluators for Human Rights (KABEHR) was established in 2005 and is dedicated to promoting human rights through education, training, and legislation in cooperation with government and civil society institutions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization aims to achieve the following objectives: enhance media understanding regarding human rights and freedoms; monitor and follow-up human rights violations; ensure compliance with human rights mechanisms; and promote Islam as a religion of justice and fairness.

Significant changes in the organization

KABEHR has extended its cooperation with Kuwait's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in relation to inputting to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and the report on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization frequently conducts seminars and conferences that promote the principles of Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and supports activities at the local level. Moreover, it drafts annual reports on the status of human rights and

administers an information and database centre that accounts for human rights violations and concerns.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2012, representatives participated in the preparation of the shadow report on the implementation of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC). Furthermore, it attended a regional seminar to commemorate Human Rights Day organized by the Al Jazeera Media Network and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) convened in Doha, Qatar on 17 December 2013. KABEHR also contributed to the report to the 21st session of the Universal Period Review in January 2015. Furthermore, it regularly raises awareness through press releases, social media broadcasts and commemorating observances including the World No Tobacco Day, World Refugee Day, World Humanitarian Day, International Day of Persons with Disabilities, International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM), KABEHR conducted training sessions for police officers addressing human trafficking. During the reporting period, it also explored the role of national and non-governmental human rights institutions in monitoring prisoners' rights in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region in an event led by the United Nations Human Rights Training Centre in Jordan.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

KABEHR conducted multiple awareness campaigns and initiatives to sensitise people and attract their interest on the aims of the United Nations for implementing the MDGs. This included an awareness-raising media campaign to combat violence against women, broadcasting a national television program to raise awareness on the importance of women's rights and publishing press statement to heighten consciousness on the International Children's Day.

15. Kyung Hee University

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1949, the Kyung Hee University (KHU) offers a comprehensive educational system encompassing kindergarten to graduate school level programs. It has three campuses composed of 24 colleges and 36 research institutes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It seeks to promote world peace, human welfare and international understanding by committing to: educating students in various academic specializations; conducting

research in academic fields; promoting international cooperation in higher education with foreign institutions; and engaging in services to contribute to social and economic development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

KHU offers the Global Collaborative Summer Program which offers courses centred around humanity, civilization, peace, global governance, corporate social responsibility and sustainable development. From 2012 to 2015, over 1,000 students representing 30 different countries as well as 56 faculty members participated in this program. This organization also annually hosts an international conference commemorating International Day of Peace where the United Nations Academic Impact Action by Students to Promote Innovation and Reform through Education Peace (UNASPIRE) is showcased.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

This organized hosted the Second Youth Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Conference in cooperation with the United Nations Global Compact Network on 3 and 4 July 2014 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. This conference, building on the Seoul Declaration adopted at the Global CSR Conference in 2011, provided students and faculty members with a platform to share their aspirations in relation to CSR and sustainability.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

KHU has contributed to developing the Master of Arts program in cooperation with the Graduate Institute of Peace Studies, World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Since 2012, KHU has sponsored the employment of 329 students at diverse United Nations bodies and allocated approximately USD \$494,540 in scholarships. KHU in conjunction with the Korean National Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has also cosponsored voluntary services of students in various countries.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, during the reporting period KHU has deployed over 186 students to provide educational services at primary schools and renovate facilities in 15 countries including Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia and Uzbekistan. Additionally, it has made efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases by dispatching over 1,800 volunteers to provide medical services in rural communities.



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1. International Movement of Apostolate in the Independent Social Milieus

Special. 1996

Introduction

Founded in 1963, the International Movement of Apostolate in the Independent Social Milieu is organized into regional secretariats located in 30 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, Europe, North America and South America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Movement seeks to promote peace, solidarity and justice, human dignity and the integrity of creation. It participates in the building of shared values, taking account of different cultures and socioeconomic situations. In addition, it aims at promoting ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, while respecting the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

In October 2015, the Movement appointed a new head. As part of its activities, it seeks to expand its membership. Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal and Togo are in the process of becoming members. In Lebanon and Syria, it is actively involved in the promotion of peace.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Movement defends and promotes human rights together with Catholic non-governmental organizations that share its goals. It has participated in the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council and has submitted joint statements with other organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Movement attended the twentieth session of the Human Rights Council and, together with Caritas Internationalis, provided inputs for the universal periodic review of Madagascar and of Lebanon. At the thirty-first regular session of the Human Rights Council, the Movement submitted joint statements with other organizations such as the Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The activities of the Movement support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. In working to achieve these goals, the Movement is engaged in activities to eradicate poverty and provide quality education. Moreover, its activities include efforts to counter climate change.

2. Land is Life

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in May 1992 Land Is Life, Inc. (LiL) is an indigenous-led organization that is at the forefront of the international struggle to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization funds indigenous-led campaigns for change, offers strategic assistance to indigenous organizations and works towards the recognition of indigenous peoples' human, economic, social, cultural, territorial and environmental rights.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2013, LiL has assembled a small support team in New York to build institutional systems, financial controls and programming protocols.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

LiL contributed to the promotion of human rights by enabling indigenous organizations to report challenges to human rights to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and human rights defenders. LiL also supported representation of indigenous community leaders at various forums, including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and facilitated country-specific human rights situations of indigenous communities in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council. Furthermore, LiL raised challenges of climate change and development processes on the livelihood and survival of indigenous peoples in annual meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, this organization participated in the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and made interventions on human rights abuses or lack of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) on development projects. Furthermore, in 2014 and 2015, it hosted official side events addressing indigenous rights and attended the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples convened in New York from 21 to 23 September 2014. It also attended the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st COP to the UNFCCC and sponsored the participation of its partners in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development which took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 20 to 22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

LiL collaborated with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (ESCAP) in the margins of the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development. It

also engaged with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank in relation to policy review of the rights of indigenous peoples.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LiL contributed to the MDGs by documenting success cases and challenges faced in implementing the MDGs by communities in Manipur, India. It also engaged in inter-governmental negotiations that led to the adoption of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

3. LDC Watch

Special, 2012

Introduction

LDC Watch (LDCW) is a global network of national, regional and international civil society organisations, alliances and movements based in the Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

Aims and purposes of the organization

LDCW aims to draw on the strength, expertise and commitment of the civil society based in LDCs to engage with their respective governments and the international community towards effective implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) including other internationally agreed development goals such as the sustainable development goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

LDCW collaborated with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS) to organise the Asia LDC Civil Society Strategy Assembly towards implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the LDCs for the Decade 2011-2020 convened on 15 and 16 May 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. In the lead-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Brazil, LDCW collaborated with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), UN-OHRLS and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to organise the Africa LDC Civil Society Regional Strategy Assembly on the implementation of the IPoA on 13 and 14 June 2012, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

This organization participated in the following meetings:

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 21 June 2012;

59th session of the Trade and Development of UNCTAD convened in Geneva, Switzerland between 17 and 28 September 2012;

Asia and the Pacific Parliamentary and CSO Forum on MDG Acceleration and the Post 2015 Development Agenda held in Bali, Indonesia on 25 and 26 March 2013;

Asia Pacific Outreach Meeting on Sustainable Development Financing held on 10 and 11 June 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia organised by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Indonesian Ministry of Finance.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2015, LDCW contributed to various stakeholder preparatory forums, intergovernmental negotiations and stocktaking sessions convened in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda. LDCW participated in the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) representing the "Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice" — a global south-north platform of civil society groups campaigning and advocating for climate justice.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LDCW significantly engaged in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by promoting the acceleration of these agendas in various forums. This included specifically advocating for the MDGs in the Southeast, East and Northeast Asia and the Pacific Parliamentary Forum organized in November 2012 in Manila, the Philippines convened by the United Nations Millennium Campaign.

4. Licht für die Welt — Christoffel Entwicklungszusammenarbeit

Special, 2012

Introduction

Licht Für Die Welt — Christoffel Entwicklungszusammenarbeit aims for an inclusive society where no one is left behind. It currently supports programmes in 20 countries in Asia, Europe, Africa and Latin America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It supports sustainable programmes of local partner organizations in the following areas: eye care and general health; inclusive education; livelihood;

community-based rehabilitation; disability inclusion; awareness-raising and empowerment of persons with disabilities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Building on the advocacy led by the United Nations, this organization contributes to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in coalition with other international NGOs. As a member of the Beyond2015 initiative, it actively participated in consultations on the post-2015 development agenda to ensure comprehensive inclusion of and accessibility for persons with disabilities in alignment to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It attended the following meetings organized by the United Nations including delivering statements and convening side events:

High-level meeting of the General Assembly on realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities, New York, 23 September 2013;

– ECOSOC High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, New York, 26 June to 8 July 2015;

– Third International Conference on Financing for Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13 to 16 July 2015; and

Seventh and eighth sessions of the Conference of the States Parties to the CRPD, New York, 10 to 12 June 2014 and 9 to 11 June 2015, respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

It has actively engaged in the development of Prevention of Blindness Programmes in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) and has collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities. Between 2013 and 2015, it coordinated with UNICEF on a project on inclusive education for disabled children in Burkina Faso. It also a member of the policy board of United Nations Partnership to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which is a collaborative effort that brings together entities, disabled people's organizations and civil society to advance disability rights.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

This organization has supported the MDGs by implementing various projects, inter alia, to support 60,000 disabled children to join rehabilitation programs and to assist 50,000 blind patients to regain sight through cataract surgery. In Bangladesh,

it supported 13,000 women with disabilities to access a 5-year food security and income generation programme.

5. Lutheran World Federation

Special, 1952

Introduction

Founded in 1947, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is a global communion of Christian churches with a membership of 145 churches in 98 countries representing over 72 million Christians worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization strives for a just, peaceful and reconciled world by: promoting human rights, peace and reconciliation; alleviating human suffering and addressing the root causes of social, economic and gender injustices; caring for God's creation; and living in an environmentally sustainable way.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

LWF has contributed to the United Nations Framework Agreement on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Human Rights Council (HRC). Its engagement with the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations includes participation in the Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR) and assisting local civil society organizations to submit concerns of human rights for consideration by member states. In 2013, LWF provided reports reviewing the rights of women in Colombia and in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) to the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LWF has participated in a wide range of United Nations meetings including the UNHCR-NGO annual consultations, UNHCR Executive Committee and high-level meetings related to HIV/AIDS. It participated in the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Jointly with UNHCR, LWF has responded to humanitarian emergencies in Burundi, Central African Republic, Iraq, Nepal and South Sudan.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LWF has played a significant role in promoting and implementing the MDGs and is currently aligning its programs and projects in view of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For example, in 2015, it called for its member churches to substitute fossil fuel usage by renewable energy in support of energy efficient practices.

6. Make Mothers Matter

General, 2004

Introduction

Established in 1947, Make Mothers Matter (MMM) is an international, apolitical and non-denominational organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MMM aims to raise the awareness of society, policy makers and public opinion about the vital role of mothers for promoting peace, and on their contribution to social and economic progress.

Significant changes in the organization

MMM has gained new members from Belgium, Cameroon, France, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Spain, Romania, Rwanda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MMM contributes to raise awareness about gender equality, women's empowerment and women's rights in the global development agenda while ensuring linkages to grassroots actions. Its focus on women and the economy has enabled mothers to highlight relevant issues in their socio-economic development, including vital issues of maternal and infantile health, nutrition and sanitation. Moreover, MMM has made significant efforts in representing the voices of the grassroots in high-level plenaries including sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and Expert Group meetings organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

With permanent representatives in New York and Geneva, MMM actively engages in the work of ECOSOC and Human Right Councils (HRC) including providing oral and written statements. MMM co-organized a side event during the 24th regular session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) convened from 9 to 27 September 2013 and partook in the 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

MMM collaborated with United Nations Women (UN Women) in a MenCare Advocacy Publication titled "State of the World's Fathers" published in June 2015. It co-convened an interactive roundtable alongside the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in the framework of the Beijing +20 and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Review held in Geneva, Switzerland from 3 till 5 November 2014. It also collaborated with UNESCO in the margins of the Forum on Access to Water for All of Africa convened on 30 and 31 July 2014 in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MMM regularly disseminates information and advocates with the European Economic and Social Committee regarding the United Nations development agenda and forges explicit linkages to grassroots activity in Europe and other regions of the world.

7. Manavata

Special, 2012

Introduction

Since 1991, Manavata implements projects in the area of health, education and the environment through over 75 regional chapters.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Manavata's mission is to create a healthy, happy and harmonious world through programs that improve human values and quality of living, eco-friendly lifestyles at a micro level while building a sustainable model at a macro level. In 2015, Manavata established the University for Humanity in India to support value based education and meet the following objectives: provide practical knowledge and tools in natural farming and eco-friendly practices; tap into rural innovation for indigenous solutions for self-sustainability as well as job creation; and promote holistic health, sustainable living, human values and spirit of service.

Significant changes in the organization

Manavata has added new chapters in China, Japan and in the Middle East to extend its global outreach.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Manavata's programs directly support the goals of the United Nations and promote poverty eradication, environment and health. Through its cycling for humanity program, it supported cyclists covering 8,000 miles spanning across 18 countries. It also facilitated the conversion of 60 acres of arid land into fertile area using natural farming and ecologically sustainable practices. Moreover, over 30,000 patients with no prior access to healthcare were treated in 25 villages. It also

launched widespread campaigns supporting the World Health Organization-led World Antibiotic Awareness week in November 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, this organization actively engaged in meetings of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. It provided an oral statement to the Annual Ministerial Review of ECOSOC convened from 1 to 4 July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland and submitted a written statement during the High-level Segment of ECOSOC convened from 6 to 10 July 2015 in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2015, it initiated discussions with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for collaboration on projects to support sustainable development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Manavata's orphanages support over 150 children, including those differently abled, with full education and complete care. It also initiated programs in rural government schools thus benefitting over 3,000 poor students. Moreover, it conducted workshops and training for farmers on natural farming and environmentally sustainable practices and organizing health workshops.

8. Médecins du monde (international)

Special, 1996

Introduction

Médecins du monde (international) carries out 439 programmes in 80 countries. It consists of 15 associations in as many countries (Argentina, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association aims to: care for the most vulnerable populations affected by crisis and exclusion; inspire doctors, other health care professionals and professionals in other disciplines to work on a voluntary and unpaid basis; and ensure the availability of all the skills required for carrying out its mission.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has established an office in Luxembourg.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Médecins du monde engages in regular dialogue with United Nations agencies working in its area of activity. Médecins du monde and United Nations agencies have implemented 55 financial and operational partnership agreements in the field for a total amount of over 15 million United States dollars.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Médecins du monde has played an active role in the organization of the World Humanitarian Summit by participating in several regional consultations in 2014 and 2015 and the global consultation held in October 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Médecins du monde participates in the meetings of the health group in all its areas of work. It is in regular bilateral contact with the following agencies: the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Médecins du monde has contributed to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in terms of advocacy for access to health care, in Europe and globally, and through its field activities. In this regard, it has financed 73 programmes in Africa, 38 programmes in Latin America, 20 programmes in Asia and 28 programmes in the Middle East.

9. Mediators beyond Borders

Special, 2012

Introduction

Mediators Beyond Borders (MBB) is a non-governmental organization with a mission to build local skills for peace and promote mediation in economic, environmental, health, cultural and educational contexts.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MBB designs and implements multi-year programs in three key areas: Building capacity: it works in communities traumatized by war, civil conflict or natural disasters to support reconciliation; Advocacy: it advocates for the use of mediation to advance peacebuilding and conciliatory processes; and Consulting: it advances mediation practices and provides dispute resolution services internationally.

Significant changes in the organization

This organization is active in over 22 countries including Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, Greece, Israel, Kenya, Liberia, Nepal, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Uganda, United States of America and Zimbabwe.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MBB advocates and supports the United Nations General Assembly (GA) resolution on strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlements of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution (A/68/303) dated 13 August 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It participated in the 16th to 21st sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as well as the 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women. Additionally, it attended the following meetings:

2012 Resumed Session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, New York, 21 to 30 May 2012;

Fourth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York, 17 to 19 June 2013; and

53rd Session of the Commission for Social Development, New York, 4 to 13 February 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

This organization provided technical assistance to the Department of Political Affairs' Mediation Support Unit in the review of a draft mediation law for Kyrgyzstan in 2012. It participated in discussions on the GA resolution on strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution. In 2012, it also collaborated with United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in a series of informal discussions convened in New York.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MBB is supportive of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). In support of these agendas, it launched the International Training Institute which educates and empowers women to engage in peacebuilding and conflict resolution and encourages women as mediators in the field by providing culturally sensitive training.

10. Minority Rights Group

Special, 2004

Introduction

Minority Rights Group (MRG) is an NGO working to secure the rights of ethnic, religious, linguistic minorities and indigenous peoples and promotes cooperation and understanding between communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MRG campaigns for the disadvantaged minorities and indigenous populations through activities in international advocacy, training and outreach through media.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MRG has contributed to a range of human rights mechanisms including the United Nations Forum on Minority Issues in which MRG facilitated the participation of 67 minority rights defenders. It has actively collaborated with Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to maximize the Forum's effectiveness. MRG also contributed to special procedures including Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR), submission of stakeholder reports to the OHCHR and engagement with member states.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

MRG has participated in all sessions of the Human Rights Council since its 25th session and delivered 26 oral statements, organized 3 parallel events and co-sponsored and participated in 10 events. In 2014 and 2015, it delivered high-level addresses during the General Assembly sessions and the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals Interactive multi-stakeholder dialogues representing the civil society.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

MRG worked closely with the OHCHR in their efforts to implement the Guidance Note of the Secretary-General on Racial Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in March 2013. In this connection, it conducted workshops in Geneva, Switzerland and Nouakchott, Mauritania.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MRG advocated for greater inclusion of minorities and indigenous peoples in decision-making processes at the domestic and international levels, and for a better understanding of challenges related to poverty, access to primary education, health and housing. MRG undertook activities pursuing these aims in Botswana, the

Dominican Republic, Egypt, India, Iraq, Kenya, Mauritania, Nepal, Pakistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand and Uganda.

11. Mother Care Foundation

Special 2012

Introduction

Mother Care Foundation (MOCAF) is a non-governmental organization based in Cameroon working towards the good of humanity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It operates a professional centre for technology application in agriculture, catering, hospitality and social welfare as well as a health centre for HIV/AIDS and family counselling. It further aims to set up a rehabilitation and vocational centre for children with physical disabilities, including orphans, and combating malaria through hygiene and sanitation workshops.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MOCAF contributes to the work of the United Nations by providing data and information to bodies of the United Nations including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

MOCAF provides data and statistics to public health authorities in the region which is then forwarded to WHO. It is also collaborating with the FAO to improve methods of food crop cultivation and enhancing the quality of living standards in communities.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MOCAF has established a functional Rehabilitation and Vocational Centre aimed at providing physical therapy to children with physical disabilities. It has also set up HIV/AIDS counselling units in 8 rural communities and carries out cultivation of food crops and animal husbandry. Furthermore, it has supported over 100 physically disabled youths who have transformed into active contributors in their communities.

12. Mother's Union

Special, 2000

Introduction

Mother's Union (MU) is a worldwide Christian membership organisation with over 4 million members in 83 countries across six continents.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MU aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by transforming communities worldwide through the nurture of family, Christian fellowship, practical programmes and advocacy.

Significant changes in the organization

MU amended its bylaws in 2012 relating to the nomination process for the election of its central board of trustees.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Literacy and Financial Education Programme in Burundi, Malawi, South Sudan and Sudan has enabled communities to acquire basic literacy and numeracy skills. The Family Life Programme in Uganda has brought together community groups to address food security and nutrition, poverty, health and sanitation, environmental protection, agricultural skills and living with HIV/AIDS. In 2014, MU carried out relief work in South Sudan by providing immediate food and medical aid for displaced families and supported community reconciliation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It attended and submitted written statements to the 56th, 57th and 58th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) convened between 2012 and 2014. It also attended the NGO Committee on the Status of Women to review the progress of the Beijing + 20 and the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Review held in Geneva, Switzerland from 3 to 5 November 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2013 and 2014, MU in South Sudan worked with UN Women and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to carry out awareness-raising of educating the girl-child and HIV/AIDS. MU also collaborated with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and UNDP to raise awareness of gender equality, poverty to communities in Guyana.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to the following goals:

MDG 1: through income generating initiatives, vocational training and feeding programmes;

MDG 3: through workshops to create advocacy toolkits on gender for local communities in Burundi and South Sudan;

MDG 4: by administering health clinics in Melanesia and Nigeria;

MDGs 5 and 6: by providing training to birth attendants in Zambia; coordinating family planning projects in Kenya, Nigeria and Papua New Guinea; and training home-based carers in Uganda;

MDG 7: by conducting permaculture projects in Malawi, Melanesia and South Africa and tree planting in Burundi, South Africa and Tanzania.

13. Mountain Institute

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Mountain Institute (MI) is an international NGO dedicated to the development of mountainous regions including the Appalachia, Andes and Hindu Kush Himalayan regions. It has offices in Nepal, Peru and in the United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MI collaborates with local communities, civil society organizations and governments to conserve the environment, sustain ecological services, protect cultures, and improve the livelihoods of communities with attention to gender, indigenous peoples, and disadvantaged groups.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MI contributed to the work of the United Nations by actively attending conferences and presenting on diversified livelihoods of mountainous people, management of natural resources and ecosystems for climate resilience. It seeks to reduce risks from natural hazards through community consultation and mitigation measures as well as encourage climate change adaptation and resilience through capacity building, improved governance and planning. Furthermore, it advocates for the importance of mountains for global sustainability as well as their contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals, the Bonn Challenge, Aichi Biodiversity Targets and other global objectives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It participated in the 20th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the 10th session of the COP serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol which took place in Lima, Peru from 1 to 14 December 2014. It also attended the 21st COP to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Paris, France from 30 November till 12 December 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Since 2015, MI has served as the chair of the Mountain Partnership Steering Committee led by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). It cooperated primarily by contributing to reports and orienting international focus and policy towards mountain development and environment goals. It also commemorates the International Mountain Day on December 11 of each year.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MI launched various programs that contribute to the MDGs as listed below:

MDG 1: A program engaging 10,000 farmers in Nepal to diversify livelihoods and improve household income through cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants;

MDG 3: Initiatives to secure water and livelihoods in Peru and support gender-sensitive approaches to the implementation of water-related programs;

MDG 7: Activities to strengthen national protected area management and the restoration of alpine wetland ecosystems.

14. Movimiento Cubano por la Paz y la Soberanía de los Pueblos

Special. 1996

Introduction

Based in Cuba, this organization collaborates with representatives of the academia, non-governmental organizations and students to carry forward the agenda of peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization, inter alia, aims to: organize workshops to support the global nuclear disarmament; campaign for the elimination of military bases, wars, inequality, and all forms of violence; promote a culture of peace; and defend gender equality, protection of children, women and indigenous people. Furthermore, it promotes the "Proclamation of Latin America and the Caribbean as a zone of peace," adopted during the second summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) in January 2014 in the Republic of Cuba.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The NGO participated in compiling contributions to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council (HRC) as well as the national consultation on the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. It also

participated in national forums on integrating monitoring mechanisms for civil society as part of the 2030 Agenda for Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the Informal Civil Society Forum on the Conference on Disarmament held on 19 March 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland and presented a paper addressing nuclear disarmament and the state of the civil society in the Republic of Cuba.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

As an organization affiliated with the Cuban United Nations Association, it has contributed to activities in collaboration with in-country representatives of the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has primarily focused its activities towards promoting a culture of peace in the Republic of Cuba, in Latin America and the Caribbean region. It also organized national level contests in painting, literature, songs and exhibition of posters for peace to cultivate the artistic skills of children.

15. Mundo sin Guerras

Special, 2012

Introduction

Mundo sin Guerras, which is based in Spain, aims to eliminate wars by promoting ideas and actions employing the methodology of non-violence.

Aims of the organization

The organization focuses on universal equality, the elimination of all forms of violence, cultural diversity and the freedom of expression.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Mundo sin Guerras continues to advocate the elimination of nuclear weapons by participating in international conferences. It seeks to achieve these goals through education, intercultural dialogue, capacity-building and art. Moreover it observes, promotes and celebrates the International Day of Non-Violence.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Mundo sin Guerras submitted a written statement to the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council held in July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. The

organization is currently exploring the possibility of having permanent representatives in New York and Geneva, in order to expand its participation in meetings of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives were specified.